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Assistance for Construction of Cold Storage
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agencies which provide loans for construction of warehouses in rural areas of various States;

(b) whether NABARD and National Cooperative Development Corporation provides loan for construction of rural warehouses, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose behind the rules framed by the Government for providing subsidy in regard to term loan by the NABARD and the National Cooperative Development Corporation on the basis of production cost under the scheme for financing construction of cold storage/ware houses in rural areas;

(d) the details of the loan made available by the aforesaid agencies during the last three years, State-wise and the details of the warehouses/cold storages constructed during the said period, State-wise; and

(e) whether a number of warehouses have been built at present but the requisite subsidy has not been given, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The details of the agencies which provide loans for construction of warehouses under Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) is as under:

i. Commercial, Cooperative, Regional Rural Banks, Agricultural Development Finance Companies (ADFCs), State Cooperative Banks (SCBs), State Cooperative Agricultural and Rural Development Banks (SCARDBs), Scheduled

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Urban Cooperative Banks, Scheduled Primary Cooperative Banks (PCBs), North Eastern Development Financial Corporation (NEDFC), other institutions eligible for refinance by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) or any other financial institution such as State Financial Corporations (SFCs) approved by DAC.

ii. NABARD co-financed and directly financed marketing infrastructure projects including storage infrastructure projects would be eligible for subsidy where the interest rates are commercial / market related.

iii. State Government / State Government agency storage infrastructure projects financed by NABARD under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) / Warehousing Infrastructure Fund (WIF) / NABARD's own funds.

iv. Projects promoted by cooperatives and financed by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) or cooperative banks recognized by NCDC in accordance with NCDC's eligibility guidelines.

(c): The government has estimated a requirement of 35 million MT storage capacity during XII Plan period. So to strengthen the supply chain, reduction in post- harvest losses and to avoid farmers from distress sale of their produce and also to reduce quantitative and qualitative post-harvest losses, the Ministry of Agriculture & FW has launched Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) (erstwhile Gramin Bhandaran Yojana (GBY) and Scheme for Development/ Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading & Standardization (AMIGS) subsumed into AMI) was launched with a

central assistance of Rs.4000 crores during XII F.Y. plan.

(d): As per the information provided by NCDC and NABARD, the State-wise details of loans/ subsidies for warehouses/ cold storages constructed during the last three years by NCDC are at Annexure-I & II and sanctions accorded by NABARD to various agencies for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 is at Annexure-III.

(e): As on 30th June 2016, a total of 37371 projects have been sanctioned by the channelizing agencies against which Rs.2193.18 crores has already been released. Apart from it, the channelizing agencies has estimated the committed liability of subsidy to the tune of Rs.1272 crore as on 31.03.2016 against which, Rs.445 crores have been released to NABARD and NCDC during 2016-17 for release of subsidy of pending cases as reported by them.